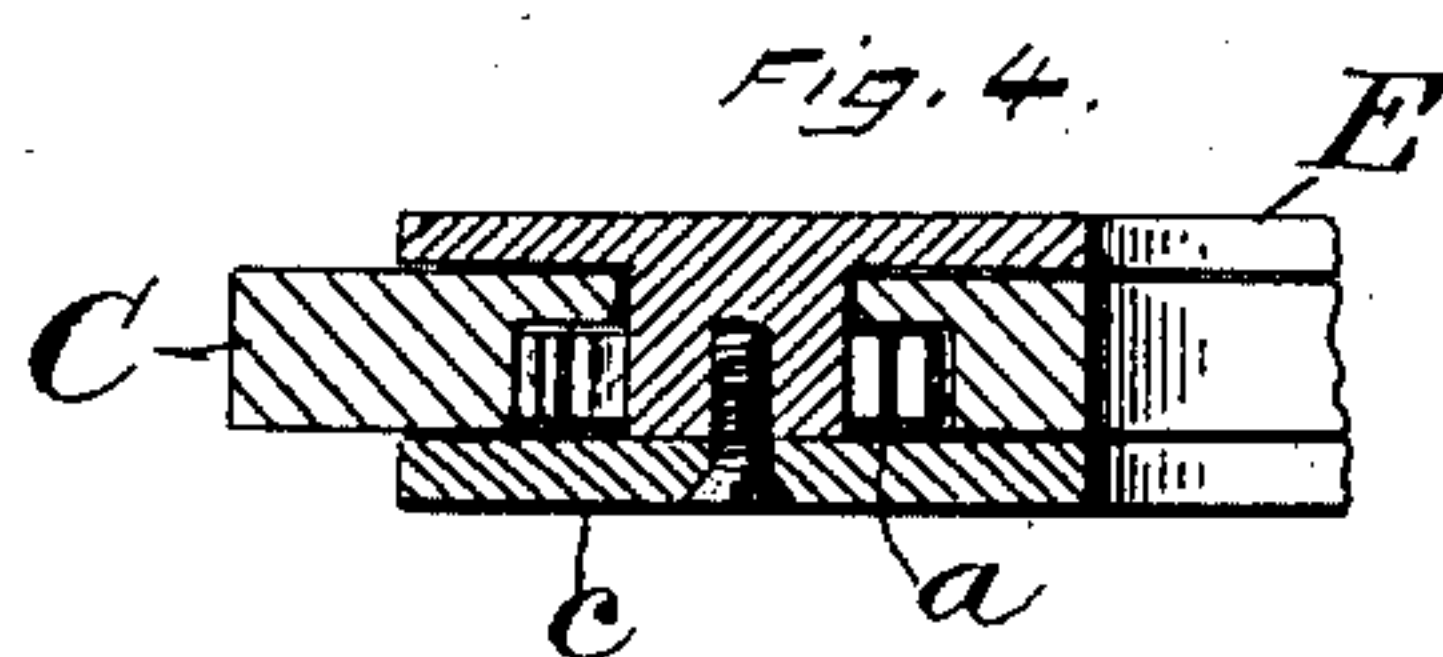
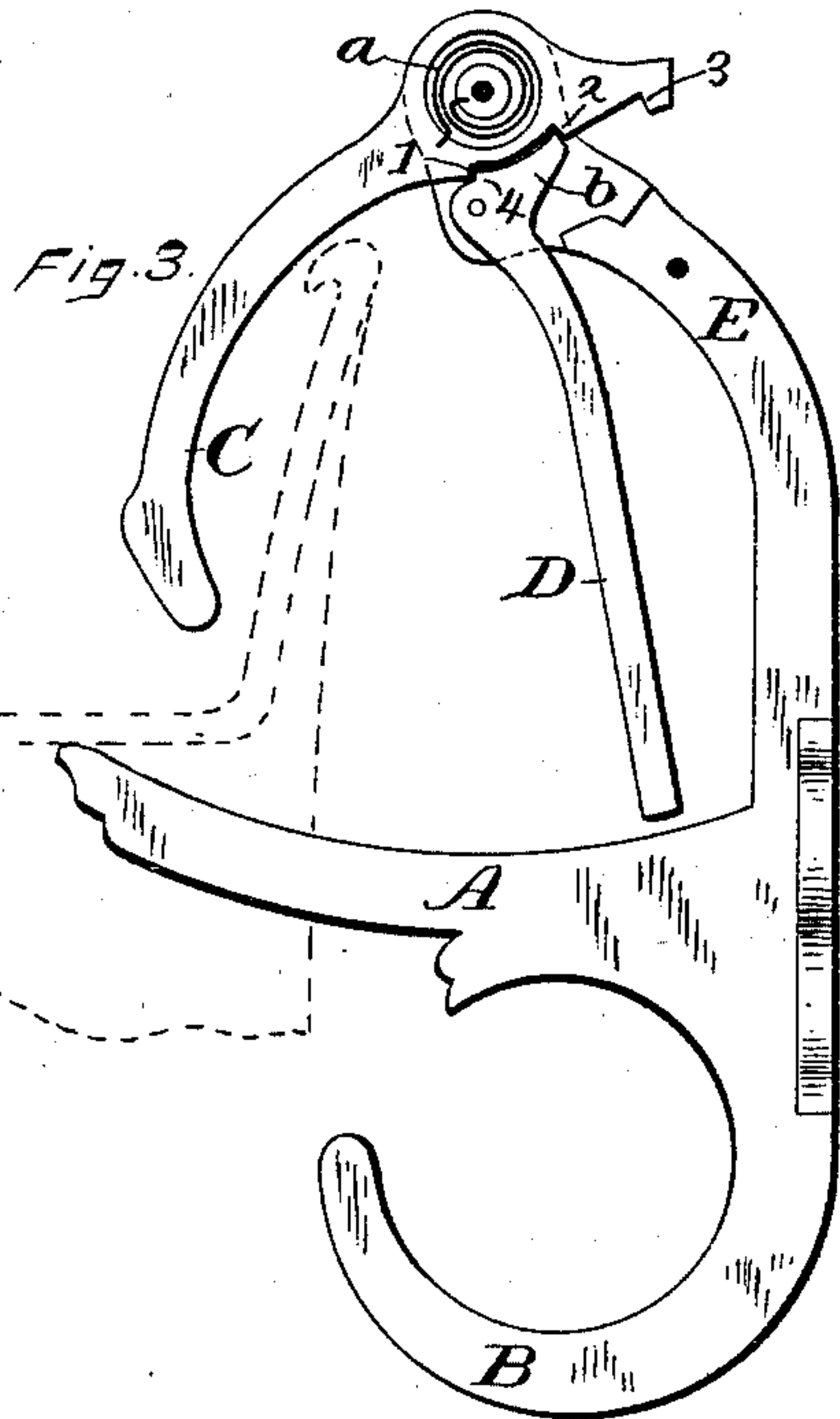
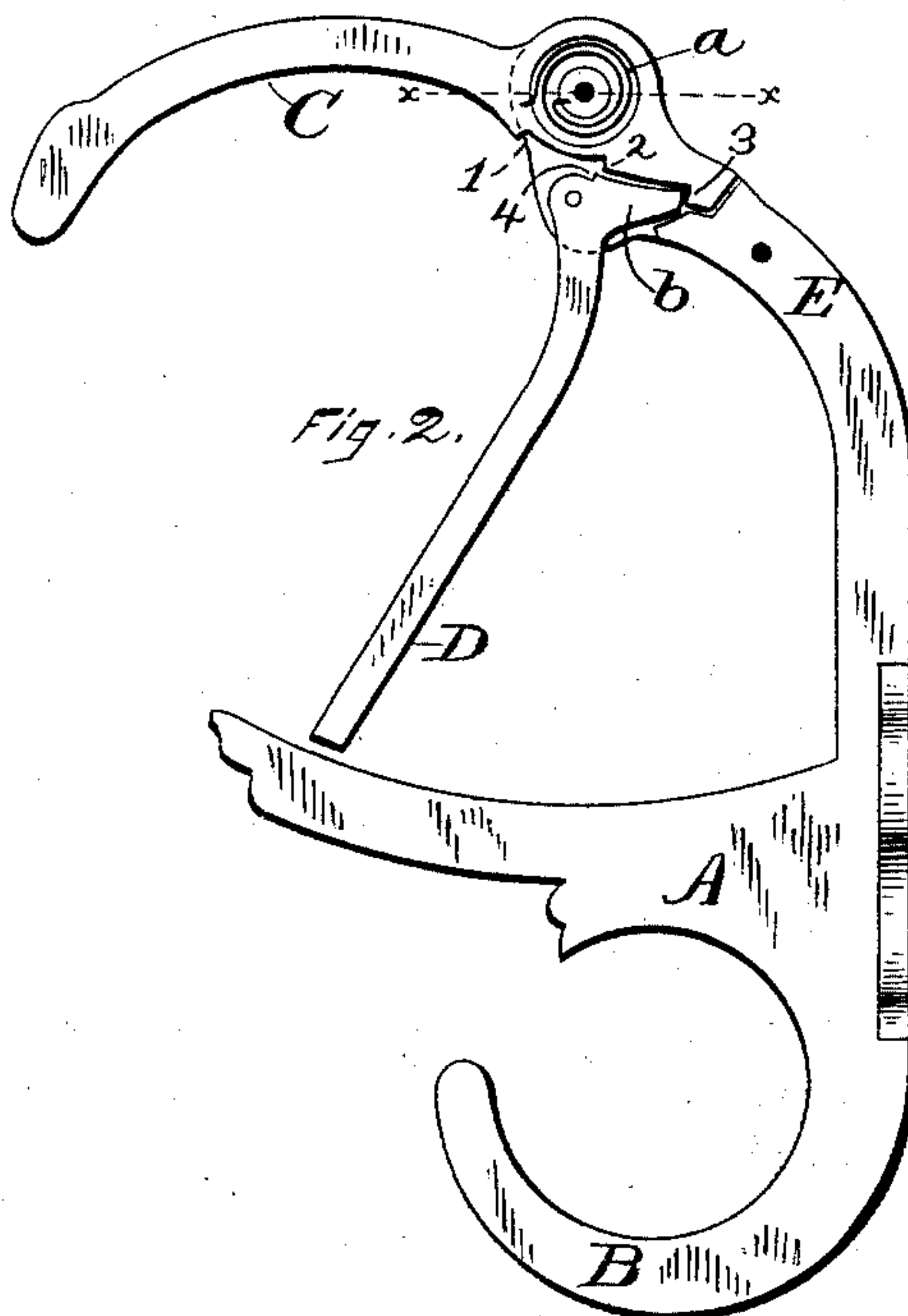
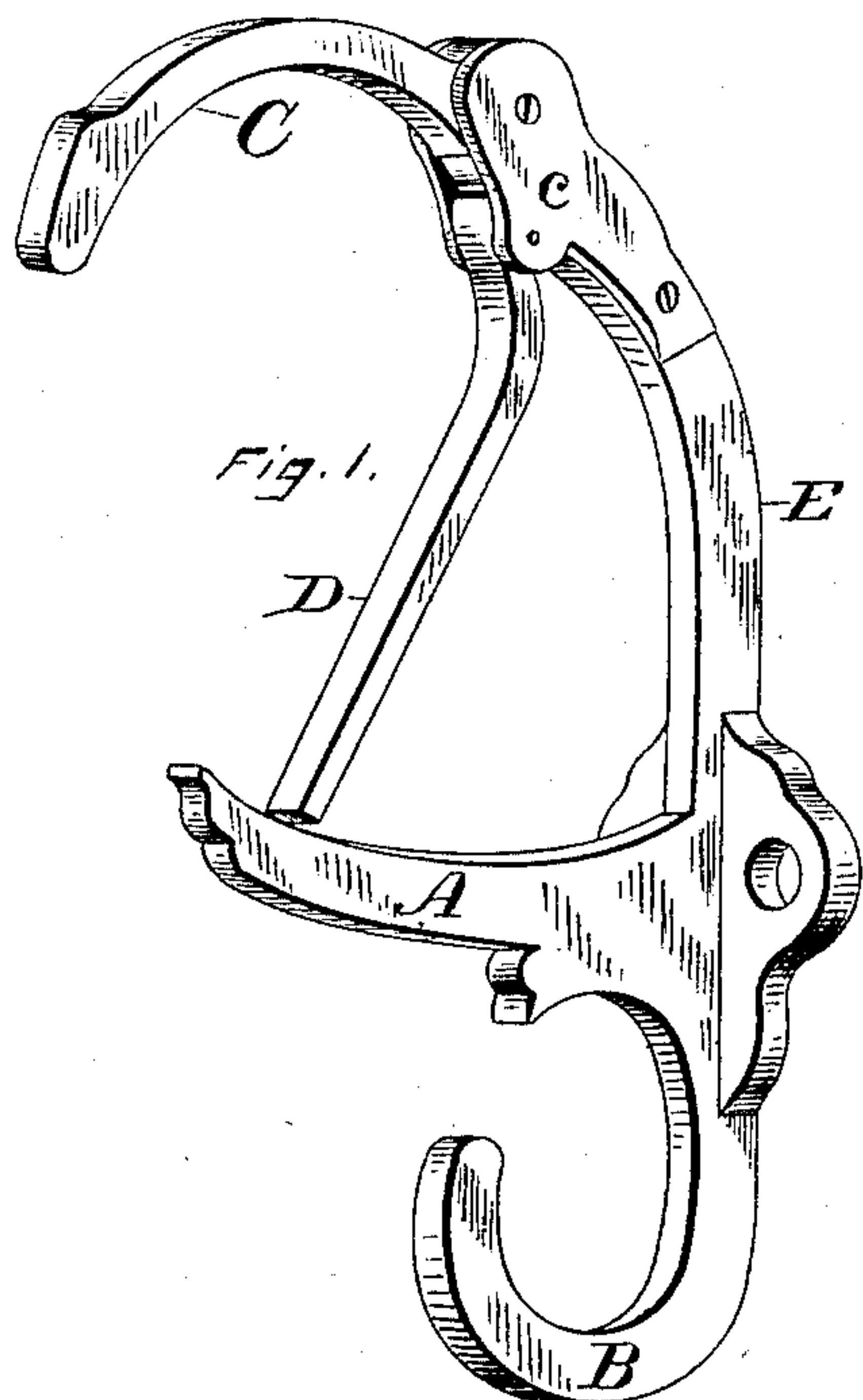


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JACOB LOTZ, a citizen of the United States, residing at New Britain, in the county of Hartford and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat or Coat Hooks, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in hat-hooks of the class which are designed for fastening the hat upon the hook; and the objects of my invention are to provide a simple and convenient holding-arm and to provide a simple and convenient arrangement for operating the same.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my hook. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same with the cap-plate removed. Both of said figures represent the hook in the position ready to receive a hat. Fig. 3 represents a side elevation (with the cap-plate removed) of my hook in the position for holding the hat, together with broken lines indicating the position of the hat upon the hook; and Fig. 4 is an enlarged horizontal section of a portion of my hook on the line *xx* of Fig. 2.

A designates the hat hook or arm upon which to hang the hat, and B designates an ordinary coat-hook below said hat-hook. Above the hat-hook A, I arrange the holding-arm C and its operating-lever D. Both of these are pivoted to an upward extension, E, of the frame or back of the hook, the arm C being provided with a spring, *a*, which has a constant tendency to throw said arm into the position shown in Figs. 1 and 2. It is an ordinary form of scroll-spring placed within a socket around the pivotal stud of said arm, and having one end secured to said arm, while its opposite end is secured to the pivotal stud. The inside of the arm C is provided with three shoulders, 1, 2, and 3. The operating-lever is

in the form of an angle-lever, the end of its short arm *b* being adapted to engage the shoulders 2 and 3, while the shoulder 4, near the pivot of said operating-lever, is adapted to engage with the shoulder 1. A cap-plate, *c*, Figs. 1 and 4, holds the arm C and lever D in place. The shoulder 3 of the arm C is not essential, provided the short end of the arm C is arranged to strike some suitable stop on the extension E.

When it is desired to hang a hat upon the hook A, the hat is slipped thereon, and at the same time the lever D is crowded backward into the position shown in Fig. 3, when the end of the short arm of the lever will come into position in front of the shoulder 2, as shown in Fig. 3, and thereby lock the holding-arm C in position, with the rim of the hat between said holding-arm and lever D, so that it will not accidentally be removed from the hook. When it is desired to remove the hat, it is only necessary to press slightly upon the lower end of the holding-arm C, thereby forcing the shoulder 1 against the shoulder 4 of the lever D, which will move the lower end of said lever forward, and at the same time withdraw its short end from in front of the shoulder 2. Pressure upon the arm C may then be released and the spring *a* throws the parts into the position shown in Figs. 1 and 2, thereby liberating the hat.

I claim as my invention—

The herein-described hat-hook having the upward extension, with the holding-arm and its operating-lever pivoted to said extension and in relation to the hook, substantially as described, and for the purpose specified.

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